

Where did the Tea Party come from?

The shift in the Republican Party to incorporate the “Big Tent” diluted the core principles of conservatism; fiscal responsibility, low taxes, strong military, individual rights and accountability. Many former Republicans and Independents could not see an appreciable difference between the two major parties. This growing dissatisfaction of the independent voter resulted in voter apathy for years.

The Clinton administration efforts to expand socialist causes such as gay rights, health care reform, weak foreign policy and appeasements with North Korea caused more voter movement towards independents. President Clinton after the 1994 election moved his administration in a pragmatic direction. He announced the end of “Big Government” and moved his party across the aisle to accomplish meaningful welfare reform. This saved his Presidency by regaining enough of the independent vote to be re-elected.

President Bush “Social Conservatism” policies helped him to win elections with independent support but he polarized his own party and was under constant attack from the Democrats. The combination of the unrelenting attacks on President Bush and the loss of identity of the Republican Party expanded the ranks of independents and the undecided voter.

Independents disenchanted with the Republican Party that appeared to have lost direction and the vitriol of the far left where mesmerized with the message of “Change” the promise to end the bickering, responsible government, end of “Pork” and to focus on issues that people really care about.

The far left thought that the years of propaganda had finally paid off and America vindicated their ideals. They completely ignored the vote for “Change”. They correctly assumed that the campaign for “Change” was just a slogan, just a gimmick. President Obama weakness on his campaign message has made him just a prop. He has failed to exert leadership over his party. If he had followed President Clinton’s example of crossing the aisle he may well have been remembered as a great President. His embrace of the hard left in his party has now polarized the Democrats and swelled the ranks of the Independents.

The Independents have mobilized as the “Tea Party” and are vocal at what they believe as betrayal by President Obama. Then have the leadership of President Obama’s party to attack them as Nazi, red necks, and worse has become intolerable. The Independents believe they are the ones who put Obama in office and they can take him out.

The Republicans should not make the same mistake in 2010 when Democrats are booted out of office. Independents will still be voting for “Change” not to have the other party try to ram rod extreme legislation through Congress. Republicans need to deliver the “Change” America

wants. End "Pork", simplify government, lower taxes, secure jobs, better schools, and make America safe by securing our borders.

Democrats are becoming aware of their hubris. They openly say that America does not want their socialist version of government. They speak of the fifty year struggle to get this far. They fear if they do not succeed in this endeavor they will never have a chance again. The Democratic party have gone from "because we won" to calculating a loss of seats in the Congress.

I believe the Democrats are correct. America has been saying "NO" to socialism for fifty years. The rest of the world has concluded socialism does not work. Communist countries such as Cuba have started "free market" reforms. These are indeed historic times. This is the "High Tide" of American socialism.

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Warner knows that such sentiments resonate with voters right now, and he said he thinks Democrats could be vulnerable if they do not tack to the center, talking to business leaders and reining in government spending.

"Last year at this point, all conventional wisdom was that this was a tremendous year, it was the age of the ascending Democratic majority -- we'd gone from red to not even purple but blue," Warner said of Virginia, which overwhelmingly elected a Republican governor in November, one year after choosing Obama. "I never believed that. I'm constantly on record saying that. And now, everything's gone completely back."

It was a hard lesson for Virginia Democrats: Don't take independents for granted. If Warner has anything to say about it, their national counterparts will draw a lesson from November's vote, too.

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